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Dear Miss Michaud,

Thank you for your letter. It's always good to hear from old friends.

I will leave Japan in December. I have a 2-year tour here. I hope to be stationed in Montreal for my next post. I'll be able to spend a month in Maine in between assignments.

My duties are many and varied. I have learned some Japanese and spend some time meeting Japanese officials. I write many reports about the political situation in Japan to the State Department. During Pres. Ford's visit to Japan we were particularly busy. I also spend some time socializing with other diplomats - especially French-speaking ones.

I have read the book you mentioned although not the new addition. It was not useful to me, however, since it was written in 1832. The first French-Canadian permanent settler came to Biddford in 1844. Most local and state histories in Maine pre-date the French-Canadian migration.

I have finished Chapter IV of my Ph.D. dissertation. It's difficult to get feedback from Syracuse, however.

I have submitted another article

to the Maine Historical Society's Prize Essay Contest - about another religious controversy - this time in Waterville. I use your SS. Peter and Paul Parish (on file at MHS) as a source.

I have also written an article to the Church World on the closing of St. Louis High School. It may come out in June if its printed.

I get the FAROC newsletter too. It helps keep me in touch with the Maine Franciscan scene.

God Bless! Keep in touch

Sincerely
Mike Dugan

P.S

I've been busy recently with Vietnamese refugee problems. It's a headache.